



Washington State Board of Massage

Special Meeting Minutes November 30, 2022 | 10:00 a.m.

The Board of Massage scheduled a special board meeting to be held via Webinar on Friday, November 30, 2022. Notice was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Board Members

Annika Samuelsen, LMT
Autumn Christina Straker, LMT, vice chair
Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT (absent)
Heidi Williams, LMT, chair
Sherise McKinney, LMT

Staff Present

Megan Maxey, Program Manager
Harold Wright, Jr., Executive Director
Davis Hylkema, Assistant Program Manager
Joan Simmons, Administrative Assistant
Lilia Lopez, AAG
Kristi Knieps, AAG
Anthony Partridge, Policy Analyst
Stephanie Vaughn, Rules Manager
Tami Thompson, Regulatory Affairs Manager

Guest Speaker

Marcus Bailey, DOH

Guests

Andrew Salmeron, LMT
Christina Mason, LMT
Christine Hooper
Dorion Smith, LMT
Hunter Irons

Jackie Guilbeault
James Roberts
Joseph Szablewski
Karen James, LMT
Leslie Emerick

Lydia Benson
Mark Allen
Marybeth Berney, LMT
Robbin Blake, LMT
Rosann Slagel, LMT

OPEN SESSION – 10:00 a.m.

1. Call To Order

The board meeting was called to order by Heidi Williams, LMT, chair, at 10:02 a.m.

1.1. Introductions and Meeting Ground Rules.

The board and staff introduced themselves. Ms. Williams read the Meeting Ground Rules.

1.2. Approval of the November 30, 2022 Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the November 30, 2022 agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

1.3. Approval of the September 23, 2022, Business Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the September 23, 2022, business meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

1.4. Approval of the November 4, 2022, Business Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the November 4, 2022, business meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

2. Rules Hearing

A rules hearing was held to accept testimony in support or opposition of the proposed changes to WAC 246-830-201, 246-830-485, 246-830-490, 246-830-500, and 246-830-510 massage therapy.

Robbin Blake, director of government relations at Washington State Massage Therapy Association, shared they are in support of the rule changes in WAC 246-830-201, 246-830-485, 246-830-490, 246-830-500, and 246-830-510.

Ms. Maxey provided an overview of amendments for each WAC. Following the overview, the board held discussions.

MOTION: A motion was made to amend the language in WAC 246-830-500 sub section 2 to change the language from bactericidal agent to antimicrobial agent. The motion was seconded and passed.

MOTION: A motion was made to capitalize the federation of state massage boards and to add an apostrophe in the S after boards in subsection A of WAC 246-830-201. The motion was seconded and passed.

MOTION: A motion was made to add MBLEx acronym in parentheses in subsection A of WAC 246-830-201. The motion was seconded and passed.

MOTION: A motion was made to adopt the amended rules language. The motion was seconded and passed.

3. Public Forum

Members of the public who indicated an interest in speaking shared comments at this time.

Comments shared included:

- Concern about the decision the board made to WAC 246-830-500 as the wording should have remained the same as bactericidal. She recommended the board to review the publication in pub med article.

4. School Program Reviews

Reviewing Board Members (RBMs) presented the following school program requests for full board consideration:

- Sage Academy of Massage and Bodyworks
 - The RBM recommended approval.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve Sage Academy of Massage and Bodyworks. The motion was seconded and passed.

- Zorganics Institute Beauty and Wellness
 - The RBM recommended approval.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve Zorganics Institute Beauty and Wellness. The motion was seconded and passed.

5. Rules Petition

5.1. Public Comment Period – Members of the public shared comments with the board on this agenda item.

5.2. The board reviewed and discussed a rules petition requesting the board to consider removing the language in subsection (1)(a)(ii) of WAC 246-830-035, Licensing by endorsement for out-of-state applicants, which requires two years of experience and 24-hours of continuing education to qualify for licensure by endorsement.

MOTION: A motion was made to grant the petition from American Institute of Clinical Massage. The motion was seconded and passed.

5.3. The board reviewed and discussed a rules petition requesting to board to consider changing the language in subsection (1)(a)(ii) of WAC 246-830-035, Licensing by endorsement for out-of-state applicants, to make the language clearer.

MOTION: A motion was made to grant the petition to commence rule making. The motion was seconded and passed.

6. Jurisprudence Exam Review

The board reviewed and discussed a draft of updated questions for the jurisprudence exam.

The board has decided to table this item for the January 2023, business meeting to allow program staff time to gather information and bring back to the board for discussion.

7. Healthcare Enforcement and Licensing Management System (HELMS) Update

Mr. Bailey and Ms. Rauser presented an update on the HELMS project.

8. Elections

The board held elections for the 2023 board chair and vice-chair positions.

Ms. Straker nominated Ms. Williams to the position of Chair.

MOTION: A motion was made to elect Ms. Williams to the position of Chair. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. McKinney nominated Ms. Straker to the position of Vice Chair.

MOTION: A motion was made to elect Ms. Straker to the position of Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and passed.

9. Legislative Meet-Me Calls

Ms. Maxey informed the board the 2023 Regular Session will convene on Monday, January 9, 2023. During the session, the division holds legislative meet-me calls which is a time for the boards to have an opportunity to hear different bills that the division is analyzing.

Ms. Mckinney and Ms. Straker volunteered to represent the board at the 2023 Legislative Meet-me calls.

10. Program Report

10.1. Budget

Ms. Maxey shared the budget status as of September 2022 and reported the budget continues to move in an upward trend despite the decline in therapists. Disciplinary costs continue to remain the highest for the profession.

10.2. Credential Counts

Ms. Maxey shared credential statistics as of October 28, 2022 with 23,968 active licenses noting the number of active credentials continues to decline. She also shared massage therapy program completion data from the Workforce Training Board.

10.3. School Application Video Update

Ms. Maxey shared a brief explanation of the school application video.

Mr. Hylkema shared that the school application video link will be available in the massage therapy application and on the massage therapy website.

10.4. Future Agenda Items

- Jurisprudence Exam Review
- Credential counts for licenses by endorsement
- Include education requirements for schools to include:
 - Representation in the studies of pathology, anatomy, and physiology in people of color
 - Ethics and inclusion for LGBTQA+
 - Mental health issues
- Flowcharts for different pathways for licensure

11. Adjournment

MOTION: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed.

Submitted:

Approved:

Megan Maxey, Program Manager

Heidi Williams, LMT, Chair